

TRUMAN HALL,	:	Order Dismissing Appeal as Moot
Appellant	:	
	:	
v.	:	
	:	Docket No. IBIA 98-21-A
BILLINGS AREA DIRECTOR,	:	
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,	:	
Appellee	:	May 20, 1999

Appellant Truman Hall, a member of the Blackfeet Indian Nation, sought review of a September 29, 1997, decision of the Billings Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (Area Director; BIA), in regard to a grazing permit for Range Unit (RU) 158 on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. After reviewing the facts of this case, the Board concludes that this appeal is moot and therefore dismisses it.

Pursuant to Tribal Resolution No. 141-89, the Blackfeet Tribal Allocation Committee allocated RU 158 to Appellant. Based upon that allocation, the Superintendent, Blackfeet Agency, BIA, issued a grazing permit to Appellant for the period March 10, 1989, through March 9, 1999. Thus, Appellant's permit expired by its own terms on March 9, 1999. Appellant contends, however, that his appeal is not moot.

The Board has considered both Appellant's reasons for asserting that his appeal is not moot and the fact that Appellant has repaid the debt to the Blackfeet Tribal Credit Program that formed the basis for the Area Director's decision. Under the circumstances that Appellant's permit has expired by its own terms and that he has resolved his credit problems with the Tribal Credit Program, the Board rejects Appellant's contention that this appeal is not moot.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. § 4.1, this appeal is dismissed as moot.

Kathryn A. Lynn
Chief Administrative Judge

Anita Vogt
Administrative Judge